

Leicester and Leicestershire Unmet Needs

- 2.59 There is a long track record of effective joint working on strategic matters across Leicester and Leicestershire. The nine local authorities have continuously engaged with each other on strategic matters throughout the preparation of local plans across the area.
- 2.60. Leicester City Council has identified an unmet need for housing and employment through its draft local plan. Local Planning Authorities in Leicestershire have collaborated on evidence to inform an equitable apportionment of this unmet need and set this out in Statement of Common Ground (May 2022). Charnwood has met its apportionment of housing and general employment through this local plan.
- 2.61 The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire authorities to monitor progress on the scale and redistribution of unmet housing and employment needs in the Housing Market Area (HMA) and Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA).
- 2.62 The apportionment in the Statement of Common Ground (May 2022) is intended to be implemented through individual local plans and will therefore need to be tested through each authority's Local Plan process. The authorities agree that if an authority's local plan process identifies that it is not able to provide for their own objectively assessed needs as well as any unmet need apportioned in the Statement (as set out in paragraph 11b of the NPPF), this will need to be jointly reviewed and updated as necessary. The process used for this review will be proportionate to the scale of the issue and should not cause undue delay to the preparation of Local Plans.